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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. These documents were recently cited in the attached Search Report issued September 25, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed except for European Patent No. 0 911 808 which was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement of June 27, 2001.

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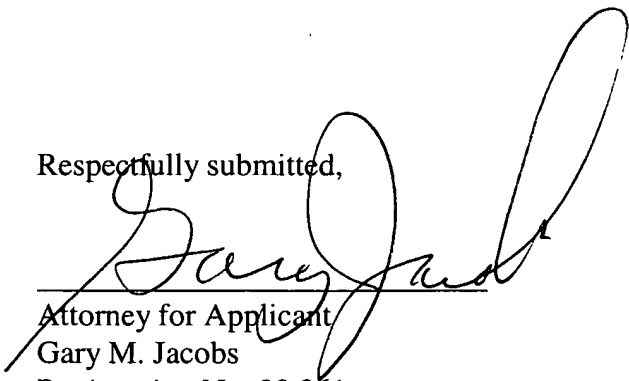
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REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, that the next official communication indicate that such information has been considered, and that the Examiner initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the information listed thereon has been considered.

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